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COCOA, FLORIDA

Dorothy Sweetwine, Editor

Local Girl Will Speak For Elks

Miss Annie Laura Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Osborne Jones, was chosen in a recent meeting of the local lodge of Elks to represent Indian River Lodge No. 692 I.B.P.O.E. of W., in the annual oratorical contest. In this contest Miss Jones will compete with other speakers from various points of the states who will represent other state lodges.

The contest will be held during the annual state convention held in April in Ocala, Fla.

Bills Mansfield, Smith, Ellis, Coffey and William Monroe are the members of the lodge's education committee who are sponsoring Miss Jones. This committee will go to Hungerford School in Eatonville, Fla., where Miss Jones is attending school to confer with instructors of the English department there and arrange for her coaching.

All Elksdom in this vicinity is behind Miss Jones in this contest and it is their desire that she is victorious.

Daughters Entertain Bills at Xmas Party

The Daughter Elks of Magnolia Temple No. 441 entertained their Bills on the night of Christmas Eve in the lounge of their beautiful Elks' Rest atop the hill on King street. This was quite a boost to the oncoming Christmas spirit for the Elk family here. Chicken sandwiches, ice cream, cake and coffee were served by Daughters Bessie Wright and Ethel Cottman, hostesses in charge.

The group enjoyed a lovely evening there at the rest and did justice to the other Christmas festivities that followed, prompted by this hilarious evening on Christmas Eve.

Publisher Home For Christmas

Mr. Elmer Silas, publisher and founder of the Script, spent the week embracing Christmas here at home with his wife and friends. Mr. Silas has been away in connection with his work since October in 1946. His many friends, church associates and especially his co-workers on the Script staff were happy to have him home again.

Emancipation Program Is Held At Mt. Moriah Church

To Conduct Revival Here



ELDER D. D. GILHAM, who will conduct a soul stirring revival meeting here at the Church of God in Christ. This meeting will last for ten days, starting Tuesday night, Jan. 7th at 7:30.

Elder Banks is superintendent of the Cordele and Columbus Districts of the Church of God in Christ denomination in the state of Georgia and is pastor of the church in Albany, Ga. Elder Banks comes here highly recommended as a gospel preacher and Bible scholar. His sermons promise to be instructive as well as highly spirited. The public at large will do itself well to take advantage of these gospel feasts by attending each of these meetings or as many as possible.

The host pastor, Elder Banks and his congregation are extending a public invitation to these meetings. The church is located on the corner of King Street and Railroad Avenue, just slightly west of its former location which heretofore blocked Railroad Avenue at King.

Rev. Coffey at Sister's Bedside

The Rev. W. B. Coffey, pastor of Mt. Moriah A.M.E. church here has been constantly at the bedside of his sister who has been critically ill for the past three weeks in Jacksonville, Fla. Because of

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Emancipation Program Held at Mt. Moriah

The Brevard County Branch of the NAACP was the sponsors of the Emancipation day program, held at Mt. Moriah A.M.E. church in this city on Jan. 1. Although the attendance to this program was not as great as expected, the program itself proved both interesting and timely.

As principal speaker for the occasion, Mr. W.J.H. Black, president of the Lake Wales branch of NAACP was chosen and he, a very efficient and forceful speaker, held his audience spellbound throughout his discourse. The other numbers on the program were from various points in the county, including Merritt, Titusville, Mims, Melbourne, and this city. These were all creditable to their respective towns and made up a very interesting and entertaining program.

Mr. H. T. Moore, state executive secretary, and also secretary of the Brevard county branch, presented the speaker, while the Rev. H. D. Parker, pastor of St. Paul M.B. church, this city, was master of ceremonies.

Mrs. Rosa Ford Wins Atlanta Life's Prize

Mrs. Rosa Leonard Ford was the holder of the luck number which entitled her to the prize of five dollars offered by the Atlanta Life Insurance Company.

Each year, heretofore this company has offered a turkey to the holder of the luck number each year during the holidays, but this year, by request of the local agent, the prize was cash. These numbers are obtained by all persons paying their December premiums in advance on the first week in the month. Mr. C. R. Wynn is local agent and had the numbers raffled and drawn on Thursday night, Dec. 19th.

Rob. Lee Thompson Dies

After a persistent fight for his life, little Robert Lee Thompson died on New Year's day at 4:30 p. m. at the local hospital from complaint which this writer was unable to obtain. Little Robert Lee was the youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Lee Thompson and the nephew of Mrs. Hen-

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Mrs. Lucy Knight Visitor In Cocoa

MRS LUCK KNIGHT

Mrs. Lucy Knight, who has resided in New York City for the past ten years, arrived here on Christmas day, practically surprising her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Sawyer of Merritt Island. She is stopping there with her parents and also spending much of her time here in Cocoa with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William Monroe of Lemon Street.

Mrs. Knight, when a resident here, was active in church and civic circles and in New York City she has not relinquished her characteristics. She is still active in church work and has taken on several other hobbies which have now become an obligation. Two of which are sewing and music. Since moving to New York, Mrs. Knight has finished in dressmaking and fashion designing, having received her training at the Manhattan Trade School there. She is now taking ladies' tailoring from the school.

Mrs. Knight's fondest hobby now is piano accordion music which she has been studying for some time. This being prompted by a piano accordion which her husband purchased in Italy and presented her as a Christmas gift some time ago. Since then she has studied the accordion and now has it at her command. Mrs. Knight was guest on the Christmas program at Mt. Moriah A.M.E. church last Monday night and rendered several numbers on her accordion. Tentative plans are in the making for a recital featuring Mrs. Knight before she returns to New York next Tuesday.

Mrs. Knight's husband, Mr. Bertran Knight, is in the Merchant Marines four years now, having come home to spend a few days previous to the holidays with his wife, before returning to Shanghai, from whence he will go on a three months' trip to Genoa, Italy. His twin brother, Mr. Bernard Knight, is also in the Merchant Marine and is now in Hongkong, China. The brothers plan to go into business when they leave the Marines.

Carl Swisher, chairman of the board of trustees of the Jacksonville Junior College announced last week that a site for the school has been found about seven miles from the downtown section, comprised of 200 acres. Construction plans are being made.

THE SCRIPT

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 1947

Our New Year's Prayer

By Rosa Jones

The great spirit of peace that comes with Christmas and the new year is still prevalent everywhere. As we enter into the beginning of the new year our hearts are filled with thankfulness for life, health, and all the sustainances of good living that was afforded us during our past year's voyage. We ponder in our minds our blessings and with hearts of submissiveness, we give thanks. Probably for some of us, the three hundred sixty-five days' voyage of 1946 held many dangers, many disappointments, some sorrows and some sadnesses. But if you were spared through these trying experiences, you can be thankful . . . you were not defeated.

The fact that this great grant should give us a stronger determination to do better living in 1947. In every instance where we have been negligent, thoughtless, or inconsiderate we're glad to make amends. With the new year comes a desire for closer fellowship among our friends and loved ones. A desire to spread more sunshine and happiness about and around us, to do to the fullest extent of our ability everything for the uplift of God and humanity, to serve in any capacity where our help is needed, to lighten the burden of those sore in distress, to be more understanding, more kind and patient, to be more tolerant of any situation arising against us, exhibiting the intelligence that makes the solving of the most complicated problem easier, to be a better citizen, remembering at all times the fundamentals of good citizenship, to support more wholeheartedly those enterprises that mean the advancement of our people, to cherish the things that encourage, enlighten and give us hope for the future . . . to honor and respect those in leadership and authority, these and many more are the desires of nearly

every heart during the prevalence of the great spirit of peace.

For our country, we pray that the spirit of peace penetrate every governmental activity during this new year. We hope and pray for peaceful endeavors in our town and community and for each individual we pray for a year of peace.

On Second Thought

By Major C. Leroy Hacker

The investigation of Bilbo and the consequent newspaper and radio comments make good reading. While it is unfortunate that not enough evidence of coercion was brought against Bilbo to convict him on the Negro vote issue it is gratifying if he can be convicted on any score.

The death of Talmadge was a blow to those who are interested in white supremacy and the subsequent fight for his office promises to be a landmark in southern politics. These are isolated incidents. The important fact in both situations is THE NEGRO VOTE. It is an evidence of the importance of the Negro vote not only for now but for the future.

But if the Negroes are to take advantage of the situation as it now exists—if they are going to protect present gains for future use, they must move into the fight now. This is no time to stand on the side line and watch others decide our future! This is the time to join forces and make the future what we want it to be.

John Rembert, editor of THE INFORMER, made a step that is worthy of emulation. Noticing that Lt. Gov. elect Thompson came over the past weekend with the statement that he was for the principles of Talmadge in order to get the office, Rembert wired Annal to withdraw his support from Thompson. More of us need to wire the committee on investigation of Bilbo.

The Negroes in America are out to enjoy all of the best that our native land has to offer any people. These privileges do not come through wishful thinking; they come through fight, clear thinking, and hard work.

Every church, every club, all outstanding individuals should join hands and send letters and telegrams and visit all of those who can make the future of the race secure. This is the time to give second thought to every major movement in America—and act in the interest of the group as a whole.

Tom Ferguson, Miami attorney and justice of the peace, is reported to be considering his chances, should he decide to run for office of attorney general in the event that the incumbent, Tom Watson, runs for governor.

A Louisiana Reader Writes

409 Eight Street,
Monroe, La.

December 6, 1946.

To the Editor and Co-workers of the Script:

Please accept my highest congratulations on the wonderful work you are doing in publishing the only Colored newspaper that Cocoa has had to offer. This simply goes to show that our town is up and coming and in tune with other towns its size and larger.

I am in Louisiana visiting friends and have been for some time. My mother, Mrs. Ethel L. Davis, sends me a copy of the Script each week, which I enjoy reading very much. Several of my friends join me in reading it each week.

I bid the Script's entire staff God speed in this wonderful work, and wish you a bright and happy new year.

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SUSIE J. DAVIS.

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City Briefs and Social News

By
Rosa L. Jones

Mrs. Violet McKenzie of Williams street is reported ill, having been confined to her home for several days. Script staff members are hoping for her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Lillial Royal of New York City and Mr. Clinton Davis, also of New York, spent Christmas here with Mrs. Royal's sister, Mrs. Georgia Edwards. They went to Miami Friday following Christmas to spend some of the yuletide with some of Mrs. Royal's friends. They returned here Thursday of this week and enjoyed a colorful party in their honor given by Mr. and Mrs. Edwards.

Mr. Cornell Goodman, son of Mrs. Mosella Williams of 306 Avocado Avenue, has returned to the city from Marianna, Fla., where he spent the holidays. While there he was united in matrimony with Miss Eva Griffin of that city. The bride will join Mr. Goodman here in about two weeks.

Mrs. Mercy Lee Singleton and Mrs. Carrie Frierson of St. Augustine, Fla., were here Sunday, Dec. 29, the guests of Mr. Laine E. Singleton, husband of Mrs. Singleton and brother of Mrs. Frierson. They had been to Miami and West Palm Beach and stopped here on their return. They dined at Nancy's Cafe while here.

Mr. Robert Sansious of Rockledge and this city spent a week of the holiday season in Miami with his sisters, Mesdames Sophie McQue and Lela Bows. Mr. Sansious' many friends will delight in knowing that he is physically able to travel again, as he has been in ill health for several years.

Mrs. Marie Williams of this city spent her holidays in Miami with her children and her relatives.

Mrs. J. R. Monroe of St. Charles Street left last Sunday for Ocala, Fla., where she is spending several days with her sister, Mrs. Sadie Davis and children. She will return in time to resume her duties at the Cocoa Junior High School where she is teaching.

Mrs. Hastie R. Scott of 337 Magnolia street left Friday, Dec. 27th for Pasaic, N. J., where she will spend two weeks with her daughters, Mrs. Irma Knox and Mrs. Bernice Bullark, and their children. Mrs. Scott was with her children and grands one year ago, this month.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivory Lee Walker and son, J. C. Ager, Jr., of New

York City, spent the holidays here with Mrs. Walker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dezier Nichols. The Walkers motored down.

Mr. William Sands, who is a student of Florida Normal College in St. Augustine, spent the holidays here with his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Singleton. The Singletons and Mr. Sands motored to Miami where they spent Christmas day with parents.

Mrs. Rosebud M. Dickinson of Miami, Fla., is here spending some time with her mother, Mrs. Milinda Hazeley of Magnolia Street.

Mrs. Elizabeth Wynn, who is in the public school system in Madison, Fla., is here spending the holidays with her husband and other relatives. Mrs. Wynn is scheduled to return to Madison, Sunday, Jan. 5th.

HOLIDAY DINNERS

A very brilliant and colorful affair was the Christmas dinner of which Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Silas of 104 St. Charles Street were host and hostess to twelve. The guests were seated at approximately four o'clock to a table laden with baked turkey and heavy menu of other holiday dishes. Fruit cake and hard sauce was the dessert.

Guests of the Silas' were: Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Silas, little Dorothy Lee Silas, Sarah and Alberta Muse, all of Kissimmee, Fla.; Mr. and Mrs. Osborne Jones and their children, Robert, Annie, Laura and Rebecca Jones, Mrs. Jones' grandmother, Mrs. Sallie Campbell, all of this city.

The guests departed in the early evening commenting the Silas' highly on such a sumptuous dinner. Mr. Laurence Silas and party spent the day here with his brother and wife.

Among other Christmas dinners with guests were that of the Brissons of No. 10 Travis Street. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Brison were host and hostess to Mr. and Mrs. Horatio Dickerson of 111 1-2 St. Charles Street and their house guests, Messrs. Floyd Simms and Leon Johnson, the latter are waiters at the Brevard Hotel. Other guests were Messrs. Phillip Howard and Samuel Riley, both of this city. The Brissons served a lovely turkey dinner which was both appetizing and tasty. Mrs. Brison received flattering compliments on her dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Scott of 337 Magnolia Street had as their guests Thursday, Dec. 26th, Mr. Scott's sister, Mrs. Beulah Lewis

of Daytona Beach and fifteen other relatives, all from Daytona Beach and South Carolina. They spent the day here and had dinner in the late afternoon. Mr. Scott was with his sister for the first time in two years. The guests motored here.

Mr. and Mrs. Moses Elkins of Merritt Island gave a dinner in honor of Mrs. Royal and her friend, Mr. Kenneth Davis, both of New York City, on Friday night Dec. 27th. Refreshing eats and drinks were served in abundance. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Edward, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brown, all of Cocoa.

MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Trojan Club announces the marriage of one of its fellow members, Mr. Cornell Goodman, to Miss Eva Mae Griffin. The merger was held during the holidays. The Trojans are wishing for this union much happiness and success.

REV. COFFEY

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his sister's illness, Rev. Coffey was unable to handle his Watch Night service and the Rev. W. M. Davis conducted the same in his stead. It is expected that he will be at his post Sunday, Jan. 5th. He is also scheduled to leave for the annual conference Tuesday, Jan. 7th in Ft. Lauderdale, beginning Jan. 8th.

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THE HEAVENLY CHURCH OF THE FIRST BORN

Adlease Potter, Reporter.

Service throughout the holidays at the Heavenly Church of the First Born were in keeping with the season, and good attendances were noted at each meeting.

Last Sunday's services were high all day. The Sunday School was interesting and the young folk very responsive. Supt. Chester Wynn was in charge. In the evening service, Mrs. Inell Crapps taught a beautiful lesson from St. Matthew 24:42. All present enjoyed her discourse and made high compliments.

We are especially inviting visitors to worship with us next Sunday evening, at which time the services promise to lend unusual interest. Services start at 7:45 o'clock.

CHURCH OF GOD

Emily McGhee

Mrs. D. B. Wynn was in charge

of the Sunday School last Sunday and the lesson which was taught by Mrs. Julia Solomon was of unusual interest. One of the new year's resolutions here is to begin Sunday school each Sunday promptly at 9:30 a.m.

Elder Mahogany delivered a very inspiring sermon from the 8th chapter of Romans in the evening. His text was "Fight On."

Visitors are always welcome to worship at the Church of God.

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By D. A. Hall

Christmas eve night, this church observed its annual Watch meeting. The service started at 9:30 p.m. with the officers conducting the devotional. Covenant meeting was held for 45 minutes, after which the pastor delivered a very timely sermon from the subject, "What Time Is It." All present seemed to have enjoyed the service.

Last Sunday night the pastor was present and preached an able sermon which was very uplifting. At the close of the service, he asked all members to be present at the next Church Conference which will be held on the night of Jan. 10, 1947. Business of importance will be handled.

Deacon Sam Strawter and Mrs. Mazie Bacon are still sick. Members are asked to call and see them.

CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Lucy Jackson, Reporter

Happy New Year to everybody! The pastorm officers and members of the Church of God in Christ are starting the new year with a new year vision, a desire to win souls to Christ, by conducting a

ten days' revival meeting. This meeting will begin Tuesday, Jan. 7, and will be conducted by Supt. D. D. Gilham, pastor of the Church of God in Albany, Ga. He will be assisted by his wife who is a Missionary of repute. Services will start at 7:30 each evening. The pastor, Elder A. R. Banks, and his membership are asking all pastors and their members in the city and

vicinity to attend and a special invitation is extended to the entire public to enjoy his spiritual feast with us for ten nights.

MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENT

Mrs. Clara Cone wishes to announce the marriage of Mrs. E. L. Howell to Mr. Wilson Ray on Saturday night, Dec. 28, 1946 at 7:30 at the home of the bride. The Rev. W. M. Davis performed the ceremony. Guests who witnessed the marriage were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cone, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Wade, Mrs. Ella Grant and the bride's son, Mr. Randolph Jackson.

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THE TROJAN CLUB NEWS

By Loomis

Happy New Year to all, from all of the Trojans. Well, here's hoping that everyone will let the good times of the holidays roll by and let's get ready to enjoy some real fun and see some fine games coming up, such as games with Florida Normal and other colleges.

The Trojans hooked up the Navy last Monday night in a good performance of basketball playing. The Navy outplayed the Trojans in the first half, but comes the second half and a different score. Jackson, Cason and Gilbert put the Trojans on top at the end of the fourth quarter and scores were 36-26, favoring the Trojans.

Keep tuned to this column and keep up with your favorite sport and the lads who play it.

ROBERT LEE THOMPSON

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rietta Mitchell of this city.

The child was living with one of his aunts on Merritt Island at the Sunset Groves when he became ill. His father was killed here two years ago and his mother died previous to his father's death.

A grandmother, several aunts and a brother are among those who mourn the passing of little Robert Lee Thompson.

Produce moving from the Pompano State Farmer's Market continues to be heavy. During the past week an average of 50 cars a day have been shipped.

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